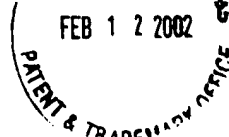


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Dear Sir,

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2001. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and that the rejection of claims in the application be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 30 as follows:

30. (Amended) A process for the catalytic gas phase oxychlorination of ethylene comprising reacting ethylene, hydrogen chloride and a source of oxygen in the presence of the catalyst of any one of claims 1 to 6 or 9 to 16.

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